

RUSHING TAX BILLS THROUGH.

THE ODELL TRIUMPHANTE IN THE SADDLE.

An Attempt to Be Made To-day to Annul Census Act and Force Through the Senate the Stock Transfer Tax Bill Before the Assembly Acts Upon It.

ALBANY, March 22.—Many of the Republican Senators are disturbed over the attempt of Mr. Odell's legislative triumvirate to annul the action of the Republican Senate caucus and force the stock transfer tax bill through the Senate. An attempt to pass it will be made to-morrow if there are not too many Republican absentees. The Republican Senators remember well how for the past few years many corporate bills having financial possibilities have been whipped through the Senate by the party leaders only to be smothered in the Assembly Committee on Rules, which this winter is frequently referred to as the legislative morgue and the legislative cold storage warehouse.

Many Republican Senators have made no secret of the fact that they would not vote for a cheap tax bill for New York or the Stock Transfer Tax bill until after each of these bills had passed the Assembly, or at least until after the legislative triumvirate had made each of these bills caucus measures. They argued that if there was to be any big financial "killings" in connection with these measures the Assembly Committee on Rules was not going to be permitted to hog it all.

In the caucus of Republican Senators, when the tax bills were made party measures, a sufficient number of Republican Senators could be secured to make the Stock Transfer Tax bill a caucus measure only after they were assured by Senators Raines and Malby that no attempt would be made to put the bill through the Senate until it first had passed the Assembly, or until the Republican Assemblymen had made it a caucus measure.

The Republican Assemblymen were to have caucused to-night, but during the day Speaker Nixon announced that the caucus was to go over to the next week, and then the statement was made that Senators Raines and Malby were going to try to jam the bill through the Senate to-morrow. They tried to get to the Assemblymen of the Senate Taxation Committee, to make the bill to-day, but he refused on the ground that it would be a violation of the caucus action.

That there is considerable feeling over the matter is generally admitted. As one Senator said to-night: "No one can tell what the outcome will be regarding the legislative triumvirate." Eventually it is expected that Mr. Odell's triumvirate will get what legislation it wants with the aid of Gov. Higgins. One of the bills already passed by the Assembly already passed both houses and has been sent to Gov. Higgins for his signature. To-day the Senate passed the Assembly bill, which will raise \$7,000,000 by taxing life insurance premiums on oil and gas wells. The Senate expected to pass the mortgage tax bill to-day, but it was found that a number of amendments had to be made to it of substantial importance.

The best evidence that could be had of the necessity for a return to direct taxation, instead of the Republican party continuing to try to foot the bill on the belief that the party is raising sufficient money from indirect sources of taxation to support the State Government, is furnished in a statement issued to-night by Senator George R. Malby, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In this statement Mr. Malby admits that the State has not enough money to properly administer its affairs. The annual appropriation bill as finally passed upon by the Senate Finance Committee carries appropriations of \$19,123,834, an increase of \$237,715 over the amount carried in the bill as it passed the Assembly. This is an increase of over a million dollars as compared with last year. In his statement Senator Malby says:

"The increases are all for permanent departments of State and are absolutely necessary for the proper management. The general increase of 1904 resulted largely from an increase in the educational department of over \$1,000,000, the excise department, \$211,000, insane department, \$55,000; Superintendent of Elections, \$55,000; public institutions, \$10,500; State Engineer and Surveyor, \$30,000.

The same may be said with reference to all of the other departments. As a matter of fact, the increase of appropriations does not in a single instance indicate extravagance or an increase in public management as compared with former years. The truth is that this is a great and growing State and every department of government is necessarily increased in its expenditures as the State increases in population. Upon a close examination of each item appropriated I think that it can be discovered that the closest economy has been practised by our financial committees of the Senate and Assembly in the management of our State affairs.

In fact, it is a matter of great pride to those having it in charge that we are able to accomplish so much with what we are to do with. Instead of the items being decreased under a proper management of public affairs, they should, if anything, be increased, if our finances were in such condition as to permit of our so doing.

After a hard and somewhat bitter fight the Assembly passed Senator Sax's anti-tipping bill. After the bill was passed majority Leader Rogers and Minority Leader Palmer united in an effort to have the vote by which the bill was passed reconsidered for the purpose of amending it. They wanted to strike out the provision which makes it a misdemeanor for a waiter or a servant. They argued that this class of people worked for a nominal wage and only made their living through the tips given to them, and therefore the bill would be a hard hardship to them. The legislators had been up against the tipping game so strong since they have been in Albany that they refused to reconsider or permit an amendment.

Senator Carpenter today introduced his Port Chester Electric Bill, which would permit the railroads to go to the Supreme Court to get consent to go across highways in New York City if the city authorities refuse permission.

A substitute for the pure food bill pending in the Legislature was introduced to-day by Senator Tully, chairman of the Senate Public Health Committee. It would prohibit the use of paraffine and shellac in the manufacture of candy as adulterants, and then goes on to define adulterants and misbrandings.

There is a big fight on in the Senate Committee on an attempt of certain Tammany politicians to get a favorable report on Senator Fitzgerald's bill which would permit the New York city authorities to advertise for bids for patented pavements. The committee is pretty nearly evenly divided upon the bill and there is a powerful lobby here in its interests. The enactment of such a bill would mean a return to the paving scandals of the days of Tweed, when many miles of worthless block pavement were laid in New York City.

The clause in the Charter prohibiting the specifying of a patented pavement has remained intact for over thirty years, and was enacted as a result of the Tweed paving scandals. The Fitzgerald bill is designed to let in without competition, certain patented road pavements in which is used a certain brand of oil which can be furnished only by the Warren Bros. Company, owning this patent pavement.

It's Square!

AGAINST STOCK TRANSFER TAX.

Memorial With 50,000 Signers Requests Gov. Higgins to Defeat the Bill.

ALBANY, March 22.—A committee representing New York financial interests has memorialized Gov. Higgins and the Legislature not to permit the enactment of a law, taxing stock transfers. A petition having 50,000 signers, representing all the prominent industries of the State, accompanied the memorial. The committee comprises R. H. Thomas, Oscar S. Straus, W. H. Granbery, Charles A. Moore, Levi C. Weil, Daniel Channock, J. Rogers Maxwell, Edward J. Berwind, Vernon H. Brown, George F. Seward, Frank Brainard, Albert C. Goodhart, R. T. H. Hally, George J. Weaver, Robert Mather, Seymour L. Cromwell and Charles T. Groesbeck. The memorial gives the following principal points of objection to the proposed law:

First—It is a burden upon capital, which would be imposed in the State alone, and therefore, would tend to divert large amounts of capital to cities outside of our State, to the great prejudice of our own banking and other financial interests.

Second—It is not a tax on property, but a tax on the process of trade and, therefore, would operate to the discouragement of business enterprise and activity.

Third—It is a departure, without reason or justification, from the sound rule which requires taxation to be equal, for it is to be assessed against fair values instead of actual values, and is therefore unequal.

Fourth—It is a serious effect on financial interests of the city of New York would be promptly reflected in the depreciation of real estate values, particularly in the business districts.

Fifth—Great expenditures are now being made by corporations and by individuals in the improvement of real property in the city of New York. Such improvements are undertaken in the reasonable and justifiable expectation that the commercial growth and expansion of said city would not be impeded by the imposition of discriminatory burdens upon capital seeking its facilities.

Sixth—Any injury to the financial interests of the chief city of the State will be an injury to the State at large.

Seventh—Many of our neighboring cities in other States already have organizations for transacting business services. With out question a special tax levied upon such business transactions has been found to be detrimental to their benefit and to our great detriment. Assured that these brief statements of the reasons for our opposition to the bill, and your patriotic interest in the welfare of the State, as well as of its principal city.

SUMMER DUTY FOR THE MILITIA.

Regiments and Battalions Designated for Field and Camp Service.

ALBANY, March 22.—Adj.-Gen. Nelson H. Henry to-day designated the first and second companies of the Signal Corps, Twenty-second Regiment engineers, Seventh Regiment, New York; Tenth Battalion, Albany; Sixty-fifth Regiment, Buffalo; Sixth Battery, Binghamton; First Regiment, made up of separate companies, and the First, Second, Third and Fourth Battalions of separate companies to perform field or camp service during the coming season.

The Thirtieth Regiment heavy artillery, of Brooklyn is to have a similar field service at the seasonal defenses at Fort Terry on Plum Island. It is announced that Capt. Percy C. Bishop, United States Artillery Corps, has been detailed by the Secretary of War to the Adjutant General of the Governor, to attend the encampment of the Thirtieth Regiment to instruct in heavy artillery and the United States Military Academy detachment of engineers to attend the encampment of the Twenty-second Regiment for a similar purpose.

COHEN CHARGES BAD FAITH.

THE WITH ASSEMBLYMAN LEGGETT at Hearing on Niagara Power Bill.

ALBANY, March 22.—The hearing before the Assembly Committee on Electricity, Gas and Water Supply this afternoon on Assemblyman Leggett's Niagara, Ontario and Lockport Company power bill was enlivened by Assemblyman Leggett charging Julius Henry Cohen, of the City of New York, with making a false statement. Mr. Cohen said that the friends of the bill had promised to exclude New York City from the provisions and did not do so, and he charged that they had gone back on their agreement.

"That's not true," shouted Assemblyman Leggett angrily, "and I want to put it right up to you, Mr. Cohen. Do you mean to say we did not amend it?"

"You can put it up to me just as hard as you want to," Mr. Cohen retorted. "You could have kept faith by inserting that this act shall not apply to New York City. If even an inch should be regarded as closed this one should, after the Governor last year vetoed this bill."

Bills Signed by Gov. Higgins.

ALBANY, March 22.—Gov. Higgins has signed Senator Raines's bill appropriating \$300,000 for the taking of an enumeration of the inhabitants of the State in May and June, under the direction of the Secretary of State. The Governor has also signed these bills:

Senator Goodsell's, permitting the condemnation of lands in Orange county for ingress and egress of the United States Military Reservation at West Point.

KRENFIGHT FOR NEW SUBWAY.

METROPOLITAN WORKING HARD TO GET THE FRANCHISES.

"Our Bid Will Astonish Many People," Says Vreeland—Company's Route Adopted by R. T. Board Committee—New Belmont Proposal Disapproved.

President H. H. Vreeland of the New York City (Metropolitan) Railway Company, John B. McDonald, who is now allied with the Metropolitan interests, and Paul D. Cravath, counsel to the company, had a long consultation yesterday with the Rapid Transit Commission's committee on plans and contracts. They were accompanied by Edward M. Shepard, former counsel to the commission, who has been specially retained by the company to help it in the fight for the new subway franchises because of his intimate knowledge of rapid transit problems.

Mr. Shepard is now special counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His appearance at yesterday's meeting in the capacity of counsel for the Metropolitan interests also was interpreted by some observers of subway developments as indicating that the Metropolitan in its efforts to obtain the new franchises will have the backing of the Pennsylvania.

The committee would not divulge the nature of the conference with the Metropolitan representatives, but it was learned that it will report in favor of the route asked for by the company. This runs from Harlem under Lexington avenue to Thirty-fourth street, to Fifth avenue to Twenty-third street, continuing under Broadway to Vesey street, thence to the Battery under Church street and by a loop up the West Side of the city under Greenwich street, Westinghouse avenue and, turning under Twenty-third street to Eighth avenue, runs under that thoroughfare, the Harlem River and Jerome avenue to Woodlawn.

The Metropolitan interests will build a subway for such a route without drawing on the credit of the city. That the company will also offer other advantages was made clear by Mr. Vreeland yesterday. "I think," he said, "that when the details of the bid we put in are made known they will astonish a good many people."

August Belmont was not at yesterday's meeting, nor was any one representing the Interborough company. Mr. Belmont, however, sent a letter to the committee suggesting various changes in the plans. He applies, in this letter, for permission to add two more tracks to the Second avenue elevated route from its northern terminal, to run south to Fourth street and down an easy grade to be built over private property into a subway to the Battery.

The committee will report adversely on this proposal.

Louis Stern and Edward Lauterbach appeared before the committee to urge the building of a cross-town route under Twenty-third street. The adoption of the Metropolitan route would prevent the construction of a subway under particular streets, and it would also mean that tentative decision to build a moving platform under Thirty-fourth street would have to be modified.

RAT IN THE CAR.

A Horse and Liner Show in The Bronx, and the Police Report Thereon.

A fat gray rat sneaked aboard a Westchester avenue trolley car yesterday forenoon. He got aboard in the overcoat pocket of Charles Zeigler of 2880 Third avenue, who works for a moving company.

At Robbins avenue, when Zeigler went down in his pocket for the fare, the rat, which had been nibbling on his lunch in his overcoat pocket, thought it was time to move. He crawled out of Zeigler's pocket onto the seat and looked around. The result was startling.

The car was crowded with women bound citywide for days, and a woman jumped on her seat, skirts up and clutched tight around her knees, and screamed. The rat looked up and down the car. He saw a woman with a silk, blue thread with all over lace effects and assorted tan shades in hose, and he was more scared than the women. He jumped down to the car floor and started for the rear door.

There was a rush to the front door. That made the rat more frightened, and like a human who loses his head in a panic, he went to the rear door. He turned and made for the front door, which was closed. The rat and his hostess shifted to the rear. Up and down the seats scuttled the rat, and up and down the seats scuttled the women. The motorman heard the screams inside his car and stopped. The rat and his hostess shifted to the rear. Up and down the seats scuttled the rat, and up and down the seats scuttled the women. The motorman heard the screams inside his car and stopped.

After five minutes scurrying the rat found the door closed and he began to heave a sigh of relief. The men heaved a sigh of regret. The women dropped their skirts and sank down into their seats, and the car proceeded on its journey.

MRS. EVANS'S TROUBLES GROW.

Effort to Have Family Settle Case Against Her and Her Husband Fails.

The troubles of young Mrs. Florence Evans, the girl bride, who was recently arrested charged with complicity in the wrongdoing of her husband, Lee M. Evans, Jr., who was arrested on a complaint of forgery made by W. T. Springer of 564 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, her father, were continued yesterday in the Gates avenue court when Mr. Springer appeared to press his complaint against young Evans.

Mr. Springer was unrelenting toward his son-in-law, and his attitude against the young wife of Lee M. Evans, Jr., was such an extent that she declared her intention of pressing her complaint against the girl wife unless Mr. Springer withdrew his charge of four years ago.

The two young persons, both of whom on the complaint of relatives, are the subject of contention between the relatives themselves rather than the punishment meted out by the law.

Mr. Evans, Sr., to make the matter a purely family affair was frankly stated to the father of the young woman, now held as a vagrant, should consent to take the case out of the hands of the police.

No agreement was reached, however. Mr. Springer refusing to interfere with the course of justice. Matters were left in abeyance until the arraignment of the young wife to-day.

Senator Grady's Anti-Wash Stock Sales Bill to Be Amended.

ALBANY, March 22.—Senator Grady's bill preventing wash stock sales is to be amended so as to overcome objections of the Coffee, Flour and Produce exchanges of New York City. Their representatives appeared before the Judiciary committee this afternoon in opposition to the bill, contending that if it was enacted into a law it would put them out of business.

Their reason for such opposition was that it prohibited them from selling articles of which they were not the actual possessors at the time of the sale.

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TO STUDY DOMINGO FINANCES.

Prof. Hollander to Be Sent There as Special Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Before taking any further steps toward adjusting the finances and indebtedness of the Dominican Republic, this Government will make a thorough inquiry into conditions in Santo Domingo with a view to ascertaining the feeling of the people in regard to the agreement of President Morales to let the United States assume control of the republic's fiscal affairs. Prof. Hollander of Johns Hopkins University, formerly Treasurer of Porto Rico, has been selected for this mission, and it is expected that some official announcement of his appointment as special commissioner and an explanation of his duties will be forthcoming before the end of the week.

Prof. Hollander will report on the financial condition of Santo Domingo, its resources and methods of Government, and make recommendations as to the best means of bringing order out of the present financial chaos. It is supposed that this information is desired for the purpose of fortifying the position of the Administration when the Santo Domingo treaty comes before the Senate for further consideration at the next session of Congress.

Prof. Hollander was originally selected to relieve Judge Abbott as the fiscal agent of the United States in charge of collecting and disbursing the customs revenues of Santo Domingo ports under the arbitral award of July, 1904, in favor of the Santo Domingo Company of New York. It is probable that Judge Abbott will continue to serve.

Warner Miller to Erect a \$1,000,000 Office Building in Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Former Senator Warner Miller of New York will soon begin the erection in this city of what he intends shall be the finest office building south of New York. The preliminary plans call for the construction of a building to cost \$1,000,000. It will be centrally located on one of the best business corners within a stone's throw of the Treasury Department. Mr. Miller is expected here this week to confer with his local agent as to the details of the project.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—These army orders were issued to-day:

Capt. Ward H. Pershing, assigned to the Tenth Cavalry.

Capt. Fredrick L. Buck, Signal Corps, to office Chief Signal Officer of the Army for temporary duty.

These naval orders were issued:

Lieutenant Commander W. W. Berle and Lieut. R. Z. Johnson, from staff of Rear Admiral Barker to the ensignage to Navy Department, Washington.

Lieut. D. M. Garrison to navy yard, New York, for medical survey.

Middleman H. E. Shoemaker, orders modified to command the Tenth Cavalry.

Medical inspector N. H. Drake, from navy yard, New York, to navy yard, Norfolk.

Commander G. Lumsden, from navy yard, Norfolk, to the Minneapolis.

First Lieut. W. L. Redies, from the Monadnock to the Yorktown Hospital for treatment.

Lieut. L. C. Parker and P. Brughtner, from staff duty, Wisconsin to home.

Lieut. G. Tarbox, from the Wisconsin to home.

Lieut. W. R. Seaton, from command of the Bainbridge to home.

Commander J. B. Milton, orders to command the Raleigh revoked, continue duty naval station, Cavite.

Commander W. A. Marshall, orders to home revoked, continue duty in command of Raleigh.

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Harper's

for April

TRAVEL William Dean Howells
William Dean Howells writes charmingly of a visit to old Plymouth, in England—"The Landing of a Pilgrim" as he calls it. A paper giving a delightful picture of the life of to-day in an English seaport town.

SCIENCE Professor Robert Kennedy Duncan
Professor Robert Kennedy Duncan, the distinguished chemist, writes of the X Rays, the discovery of which, in France, presents some of the most curious anomalies of modern science.

ADVENTURE J. B. Connolly
J. B. Connolly gives a vivid description of a trip which he made with the fishermen of Vardo, one of the places where the fishing is carried on under the midnight sun, of the adventurous lives of the men and of the curiously patient, hard-working women, who work all night baiting the trawls for the men.

ARCHAEOLOGY Professor Charles Waldstein, L.H.D.
Professor Charles Waldstein, L.H.D., of Cambridge, England, is one of the most distinguished archaeologists of the day. In this paper he writes of the remarkable discoveries made in the ruins of Herculaneum and of the further work which he is about to undertake.

NATURE Frank French
Frank French, the painter, writes poetically of a wandering along the course of "The Brook," and of the life of forest, field, and valley through which the brook passes. To illustrate his article he has made a number of paintings.

INDUSTRIAL Professor John B. Clark
Professor John B. Clark, of Columbia University, one of the most distinguished of our economists, contributes a most valuable article on "Profit-Sharing and Co-operation," the results of experiments which have already been made and the probable developments along these lines in the future.

THE WEST Philip V. Mighels
Philip V. Mighels, the well-known Western writer, writes of the dramatic scenes in the opening-up of a boom town where a rich deposit of gold has been found—of the comedy and tragedy of the life, of the remarkable fortune of the lucky and the pathetic disappointment of the unlucky.

RUSSIAN EXILE Isador Ladoff
Isador Ladoff, a Russian who was exiled to Siberia because he thought for himself, tells the dramatic story of his arrest, his treatment at the hands of the police, his wanderings in Siberia, and of his final escape from Russia.

8 SHORT STORIES PICTURES IN COLOR

By ELIZABETH STUART PHILLIPS
Mrs. HENRY DUNN
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By STANLEY ARTHUR
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J. BURNS, ETC.

TO TEST BARGE CANAL LAW.

Action to Be Instituted at First Attempt to Acquire Lands for the Canal.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 22.—The anti-barge canal interests are to bring an action to test the constitutionality of the law when the State authorities make the first attempt to get lands needed for the improvement. This will happen when State purchases some lands at Watford. In the first acquisitions are to be made. In the action, by the consent of Attorney-General Mayer, all questions concerning constitutionality of the \$101,000,000 barge canal law will be incorporated for the courts to pass upon.

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